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Mystery Man in JFK Case?

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The New York Review of Books has made public two photographs of a man erroneously identified by the CIA as Lee Harvey Oswald when he visited Communist embassies in Mexico City shortly before the assassination of President Kennedy.

"If someone were trying to impersonate Oswald eight weeks before the assassination, the Warren Commission's theory of a lone assassin, unconnected with any conspiracy, is seriously undermined and the case should be reopened," conclude Bernard Fensterwald and George O'Toole, authors of an article, "The CIA and the Man Who Was Not Oswald," that accompanies the photos.

The pictures, apparently made by hidden CIA cameras that routinely photographed all visitors at Communist embassies, show a 6-foot-tall man in his mid-30s, athletically built, with a receding hairline. Oswald was 24 and of slight build.

The Warren Commission, which concluded that Oswald acted alone when he allegedly shot and killed Kennedy in Dallas on Nov. 23, 1963, reported that Oswald had been identified as visiting both the Cuban and Soviet embassies in Mexico City in late September or early October 1963.

Fensterwald, a Washington lawyer who once represented Watergate figure James McCord, obtained release of the two CIA photos from the National Archives as a result of a suit he brought under the Freedom of Information Act. Fensterwald has long been involved in investigations of the Kennedy assassination.

He and O'Toole, a former CIA official, say another photo of the mystery man—in a different pose—was cited in the Warren Commission report as having been shown to Oswald's mother.

That photo, reported by former CIA Director Richard Helms as having been taken on Oct. 1, 1963 in Mexico City, was described in the Warren Report as that of a man "who, it was thought at the time, might have been associated with Oswald."

The two authors quote a CIA teletype message, sent to the FBI and the Depts. of State and Navy on Oct. 10, 1963, saying that a reliable source reported that a man identifying himself as Oswald had contacted the Soviet embassy in Mexico City.

Book Depository For Sale in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — The old Texas Schoolbook Depository building, an albatross around its owner's neck since the Warren Commission said President John F. Kennedy was fatally shot from one of its windows, is being publicized for sale again.

A five-by-seven-inch display advertisement appeared yesterday in the Dallas Morning News and Dallas Times Herald.

It's the same ad which ran in March of 1973.

"For Sale or Lease: Famous Historic Dallas Landmark," the ad reads above a photograph of the seven-story red brick building with the familiar Hertz Rent-A-Car billboard atop it.

Below the picture, in the smallest of print, the ad notes that "it was from a window in this building, according to the Warren Commission Report, that a sniper fired the shots that killed President John F. Kennedy, and wounded Governor John Connally, on November 22, 1963."

It goes on to describe the building as having "80,000 square feet of office space; several floors and basement, each 100 feet by 100 feet; sprinkler system throughout; paneled offices throughout on second, third and fourth floors; three elevators, enclosed dock space and excellent rail and freeway access."

W. H. Lewis, an agent for owner D. H. Byrd, said yesterday that the recent rekindling of interest in the Kennedy assassination had nothing to do with advertising the building again.

Lewis declined to say what price Byrd is asking or would take.

The schoolbook depository moved into new quarters in 1970 and the building has been empty since.